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MISSOULA--

Sunday morning dawned brightly-warm on the University of Montana campus; birds in the tops of turning maples sang to dressed-up passers-by, ambling slowly, church-bound. And even dogs seemed in no hurry, taking time to take time.

But there was no sleeping late for members of the UM soccer team; it was game time again and they were ready, opening the third regular season against the University of Idaho with a 1-0 victory for Montana.

Play began at 10:30 a.m., with much action but no scoring in the first half. Montana, making good use of its strong defense, kept Idaho from excessive shooting, but was unable to score on several attempts made deep in Idaho territory.

In the second half, a penalty kick by Ravi Thapa put Montana on the scoreboard. A penalty kick late in the half by Idaho was stopped by Montana goalie, Doug MacGregor, saving the game for UM. As time ran out, Idaho was unable to break the Montana defense, ending the game 1-0, Montana's favor. About 100 spectators watched the contest.

Roman Zylawy, professor of foreign languages and faculty adviser to the Montana team, was pleased with the outcome of the game. "Doug MacGregor's save on the penalty kick in the second half was the most impressive play of the game, I think. The blocking of such kicks is extremely rare in collegiate games," Zylawy said. He added that all the men played well, singling out Klaus Urbye for outstanding offensive action, and Mike DiCarlo and Joseph Lemire for extraordinary defensive play.

Co-captains of this year's team are Ralph Serrette, sophomore majoring in physics, and Mike DiCarlo, junior majoring in wildlife biology. Both are veterans with the team and are avid enthusiasts of the sport. DiCarlo, disappointed in the team's narrow victory, compensated by saying Idaho may be UM's toughest opponent. "We beat them last year in regular play, but they beat us at the tournament," he said.

Urbye, junior in business, thinks differently. "Washington State University definitely will be the roughest," he said. "They have a varsity, junior varsity, and freshman team, not to mention two full-time coaches. They mean business."

Montana has six foreign students playing first string this year: from Norway, Klaus Urbye--center half-back, and Birger Rustberggard--left half-back; from Trinidad, Ralph Serrette--right inside and co-captain; from Hungary, Bella Bellogh--left inside; from Canada, Rick Schaefer--center full-back; and from India, Ravi Thapa--right wing.

These players, coming to the University from countries that place stronger emphasis on soccer than does the U.S., demonstrate remarkable control of the ball. "They handle it well and work together as a team," said Zylawy. It is interesting to note the enthusiasm by the American players displayed for a sport not widely popular in their homeland.

With its season officially underway, the team now is looking toward the Oct. 9 Washington State game, to be played at 1:30 p.m. on the field east of the UM Field House. It will be a busy weekend for the squad, meeting WSU on Saturday, and Gonzaga University on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 a.m.

To cover expenses incurred on the road, the UM team has asked ASUM, from which it receives all funds, for a \$1,000 travel grant. The petition has not yet been approved, but the team may temporarily receive travel money from a tri-sport travel fund. Two sports sharing in this are the rodeo club and the rifle club. So far, \$280 has been promised the team, but this sum is reserved for equipment only.

Montana is a member of the Northwest Intercollegiate Soccer League, holding both a regular Autumn season and an informal Spring season. According to NISL rules, no non-student of the University system is eligible to participate in games played during the regular season. However, Spring season is open to anyone wishing to play.

The team's projected schedule of games for this fall is as follows:

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Saturday, Oct. 9	*WSU at Montana	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 10	*Gonzaga at Montana	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16	Montana at Notre Dame (Nelson, B.C.)	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 17	Montana at Selkirk College (Castlegar, B.C.)	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 24	Montana at Idaho	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30	*Selkirk College at Montana	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31	*Notre Dame at Montana	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6	Montana at WSU	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 7	Montana at Gonzaga	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13	*EMC at U. of Montana	1:30 p.m.

* denotes home game

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